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For: ELECTRIC POTENTIAL)
MEASURING DEVICE AND)
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (7) to (15) are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,205,267
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,212,451
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,504,356

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- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0057977
- (5) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0171728
- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0192565

- (7) DE 2715831
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- (14) HSU C. H. et al: "Micromechanical electrostatic voltmeter
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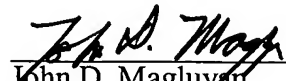
English language abstracts accompany each of documents (8) and (10) to (13). Additionally, it is noted that document (3) is an English-language counterpart for both of documents (12) and (13). The concise explanation of relevance for each of non-English language documents (8) and (10) to (13) is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts and the English language counterpart. See MPEP § 609.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a Notice Of Allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling

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